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1. SUMMARY: AFTER INITIAL GRUMBLING, THE GOC HAS GRANTED SAFE-CONDUCTS TO TWO PEOPLE HOLED UP IN THE PANAMANIAN EMBASSY; THE VENEZUELAN ALSO HAVE TWO VISITORS. MEANWHILE, PRESS AND COMMENTARY CONTINUE TO HAMMER ON THE PERSISTENT THREAT FROM LEFTIST TERRORISTS AND THE HUNT FOR PASCAL ALLENDE AS YET A SECOND EXTREMIST ALLEGEDLY BLOWS HIMSELF UP. THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF RELATIVES OF DISAPPEARED, SPURRED BY THE DISCOVERY IN CHILE OF TWO CHILDREN OF URUGUAYANS WHO DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA THREE YEARS AGO, HAS CREATED A SUBGROUP TO SEEK OUT POSSIBLE OFFSPRING OF MISSING CHILEANS. CARABINEROS INDICTED IN THE LONQUEN MURDERS ARE FREE ON BAIL WHILE THE COURTS CONSIDER WHETHER THE 1978 AMMESTY SHOULD NOW BE APPLIED; NEAR CONCEPCION ANOTHER JUDGE IS INVESTIGATING COMPLICITY OF A DOZEN CARABINEROS IN FIFTEEN DISAPPEARANCES FOLLOWING THE 1973 COUP -- IN THIS CASE THE BODIES HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED. END SUMMARY

2. GASTON MUNOZ BRIONES AND GLORIA ELGUETA PINTO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR WHEN THEY DEPART SANTIAGO EN ROUTE TO MEXICO VIA PANAMA ON AUGUST 14. THE PAIR OF AVOWED MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) ACTIVISTS DUCKED INTO THE PANAMANIAN EMBASSY ABOUT A MONTH AGO (SEE SANTIAGO 4991) AS SECURITY FORCES ZEROED IN ON THEIR WHEREABOUTS. FOREIGN MINISTER CUBILLOS TWICE SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE DUO WAS NOT ENTITLED TO SAFE-CONDUCTS BECAUSE THEY WERE COMMON CRIMINALS (REMARKS HARD TO SQUARE WITH GOC-INSPIRED STORIES PORTRAYING THEM AS POLITICAL TERRORISTS EARLIER IN

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THE YEAR) BEFORE GRANTING THEIR PASSES. MS ELGUETA IS THE DAUGHTER OF AN EXILED EX-CONGRESSMAN LIVING IN MEXICO CITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE ARE SEEKING ASYLUM AT THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY. ONE IS AN ALLEGED MIRISTA PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS SALAS SALAS; THE OTHER IS A PROFESSED SOCIALIST WHOSE CASE THE LOCAL AMBASSADOR IS STILL STUDYING BEFORE SENDING IT TO CARACAS FOR A FAVORABLE OPINION.



3. () INTERIOR MINISTER FERNANDEZ HAS CAUTIOUSLY REMAINED EVASIVE WHEN PRESSED TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE IN CHILE OF TOP MIRISTA PASCAL ALLENDE. SECURITY SERVICES CONTINUE TO BRIEF THE PRESS ABOUT MIR OPERATIONS AS ALLEGEDLY DISCOVERED IN THE EL ARRAYAN RAID (SANTIAGO 5495). AS DESCRIBED IN OVERBLOWN NEWS HEADLINES, THE MIR HAD DEVELOPED A PLAN TO ASSASSINATE POLICE TORTURERS (THE DOCUMENT POLICE SAY THEY FOUND MERELY LISTED VENGEANCE AGAINST THE TORTURERS AS ONE OF THE MIR'S MANY GOALS). THE CONTINUING STORIES HAVE PROVIDED EDITORIALISTS WITH A PEG ON WHICH TO HANG COMMENTARY RECAPITULATING THE HISTORY OF THE MIR AND THE NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RETAIN AUTHORITY TO EXTIRPATE THE TERRORIST MINORITY.

4. () AN AUGUST 13 REPORT THAT 66 YEAR OLD SOCIALIST LEADER IN COQUIMBO CHOSE TO BLOW HIMSELF UP WITH GRENADES RATHER THAN FACE CAPTURE WILL RAISE EYEBROWS, COMING SO QUICKLY ON THE HEELS OF AN ALLEGED SIMILAR SUICIDE DURING THE EL ARRAYAN RAID. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT TWO TO THREE EXTREMISTS DIED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES EARLY IN 1978, FILLING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CIRCUIT WITH NEVER-CONFIRMED, BUT PLAUSIBLE, RUMORS THAT SECURITY SERVICES HAD FOUND ANOTHER TECHNIQUE FOR ELIMINATING OPPONENTS.

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5.  BUENOS AIRES REFTTEL REPORTED THAT A URUGUAYAN  MOTHER OF A PERSON MISSING IN ARGENTINA SINCE 1976 HAD LOCATED HER TWO GRANDCHILDREN IN VALPARAISO, CHILE. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS EMPHASIZED THE PLIGHT OF THE ADOPTIVE CHILEAN PARENTS WHO ARE SEEKING TO RETAIN CUSTODY. BARELY MENTIONED IN LOCAL ACCOUNTS WAS THE SPECTER RAISED BY HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN BRAZIL AND THE REST OF THE SOUTHERN CONE INSINUATING THAT INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WERE IN THE BABY BUSINESS -- TRANSPORTING INFANTS OF APPREHENDED VICTIMS ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS. ACCORDING TO CHILEAN ACCOUNTS, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS EQUALLY PLAUSIBLE THAT THE CHILDREN WERE BROUGHT TO CHILE BY ACQUAINTANCES OF THE MISSING EXTREMISTS RATHER THAN BY SECURITY SERVICES.

6. (U) AN ARGENTINE GRANDMOTHER MADE A WELL-PUBLICIZED TRIP TO CHILE TO FOLLOW UP REPORTS THAT HER RELATIVE HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY ANOTHER CHILEAN COUPLE; HER TREK WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. MEANWHILE, THE CHILEAN ORGANIZATION OF MISSING PERSONS CREATED A SUBGROUP DEDICATED TO SEARCHING FOR THE POSSIBLE OFFSPRING OF CHILEAN WOMEN PREGNANT AT THE TIME OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE.

7. (U) THE EIGHT CARABINEROS INDICTED FOR "USING UNNECESSARY FORCE WHICH RESULTED IN "DEATH" OF FIFTEEN MEN FOUND IN THE LIME KILN AT LONQUEN OBTAINED RELEASE ON BAIL AS THE RESULT OF A 4-1 MILITARY APPEALS COURT DECISION EARLY IN AUGUST.. COURTS ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE POLICEMEN'S REQUEST THAT THE APRIL, 1978, AMNESTY LAW BE APPLIED TO THEIR CASE AT THIS POINT. MEANWHILE, RELATIVES OF A MAN WHO DISAPPEARED A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE DETENTION OF THE FIFTEEN LONQUEN VICTIMS IN OCTOBER, 1973, HAVV CHARGED THAT SEVERAL OF THE EIGHT CARABINEROS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE AS WELL.

8.  A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE LOOKING INTO DISAPPEARANCES IN THE CONCEPCION AREA IS DEVOTING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FIFTEEN CASES. RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE FILED A PETITION IDENTIFYING A DOZEN CARABINEROS THEY ASSERT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DETENTIONS. AS IN THE LONQUEN CASE, POLICE ACKNOWLEDGE DETENTIONS IN SOME OF THE CASES BUT CLAIM THEY TURNED THEM OVER TO OTHER SECURITY SERVICES (WHICH, IN TURN, CLAIM NO RECORD); UNLIKE LONQUEN, HOWEVER, THE BODIES HAVE NOT BEEN DISCOVERED.

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